

What is claimed is:

1 1. A fuel inlet apparatus for a personal watercraft of the type having a craft body
2 comprising a deck and with a fuel tank disposed in the craft body, said fuel inlet
3 apparatus comprising :
4 a fuel fill member for attaching to said deck and for connecting to a fuel supply
5 hose extending from said fuel tank, said fuel fill member comprising a tubular routing
6 structure;
7 a fill cap for closing off an outer end of said fuel fill member;
8 a chain having one end thereof fastened to the inside of said tubular routing
9 structure, and the other end of said chain being fastened to said fill cap; and
10 a protective tube surrounding a portion of said chain at a location thereof which
11 contacts said fuel fill member when said fill cap is removed.

1 2. A fuel inlet apparatus for a personal watercraft according to claim 1, further
2 comprising a tube stopper attached to said chain, for limiting movement of said protective
3 tube on said chain.

1 3. A fuel inlet apparatus for a personal watercraft according to claim 2, wherein said
2 tube stopper comprises a bead attached to said chain.

1 4. A fuel for a personal watercraft according to claim 2, wherein said tube stopper
2 comprises a slit washer attached to said chain.

1 5. A fuel inlet apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising at least one stop
2 member disposed within said tubular routing structure for limiting the extent to which a
3 fuel nozzle can be inserted therein.

1 6. A fuel inlet apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising at least one stop
2 member disposed within said tubular routing structure for limiting the extent to which a
3 fuel nozzle can be inserted therein.

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1 7. A fuel inlet apparatus for a personal watercraft of the type having a craft body
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3 apparatus comprising :

4 a fuel fill member for attaching to said deck and for connecting to a fuel supply
5 hose extending from said fuel tank, said fuel fill member comprising a tubular routing
6 structure;

7 at least one stop member disposed within said tubular routing structure for
8 limiting the extent to which a fuel nozzle can be inserted therein;

9 a fill cap for closing off an outer end of said fuel fill member;

10 a chain having one end thereof fastened to the inside of said tubular routing
11 structure, and the other end of said chain being fastened to said fill cap; and

12 a protective tube surrounding a portion of said chain at a location thereof which
13 contacts said fuel fill member when said fill cap is removed.

1 8. A fuel inlet apparatus for a personal watercraft according to claim 1, further
2 comprising a tube stopper attached to said chain, for limiting movement of said protective
3 tube on said chain.

1 9. A fuel inlet apparatus for a personal watercraft according to claim 2, wherein said
2 tube stopper comprises a bead attached to said chain.

1 10. A fuel inlet apparatus for a personal watercraft according to claim 2, wherein said
2 tube stopper comprises a slit washer attached to said chain.

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